

# Zone Change Okayed by Narrow Margin

## Marble Estate Proposal Wins By 4-3 Ballot

With one councilman arriving in the nick of time to cast his ballot in opposition, and the careful decision of another to change his abstention to a "yes" vote, the proposal to rezone the controversial Marble Estate property for residential use slid through the city council last night.

Final tally of ballots showed arriving late, voted "no" and that the issue carried, 4-3, after Councilman George Vico, Councilman George Bradford changed his abstention to "yes."

Voting in favor of the motion to rezone the 155 acres of industrial property, located between Sepulveda and Lomita on Crenshaw, were Councilmen Nickolas Drale, who made the motion, J. A. Beasley, Willys Blount, and Bradford.

In opposition to the proposal were Mayor Albert Isen and Councilmen Victor Benstead and Vico.

Summing up the opinion of the majority Blount said, "I have served on this council for 12 years and, in every case, I have voted against rezoning industrial property."

**FUMBLER**  
"Yet, I feel that industry has fumbled the ball. In this area they are 40 years behind the time . . . this land has been available for many years and they haven't built a shed on it."

"I'm going to vote in favor of rezoning . . . perhaps industry will sit up and take notice."

Isen noted that industry would provide jobs and tax monies for cities and schools. He added that, as homes require more in services than they pay for in taxes, he favored a "balanced" over a "bedroom" community.

Builder Don Wilson, who requested the zone change, plans to build some 600 homes in the tract.

### DESERT ACCIDENT . . .

## Lomita Woman Dies After Being Struck By Snake

On a weekend visit to her desert home, a Lomita woman died Monday after being struck by a rattlesnake.

Mrs. Treva Boyce, 33, of 25351 Oak St. died 24 hours after the incident in Ince Memorial Hospital in Twentynine Palms.

The woman was bitten by the two-and-a-half foot rattler when she attempted to take some tools out of a toolbox in the front yard.

Her husband, Branson Ray Boyce, a county fireman, reported that he, his wife, and 14-year old daughter, Tonja Rae, were relaxing at the family's desert home while he recuperated from recent surgery.

He reported that when his wife went to the toolbox,

which was mounted on a raised dias in the front yard, her foot went under the box where the snake lay coiled.

It struck her on the foot, puncturing a blood vessel.

Immediately applying a snake bite tourniquet he notified a nearby doctor who had anti-venom serum waiting when the couple arrived.

Mrs. Boyce died the following day at the hospital.

Boyce also reported that he killed the snake.

### \$5 FOR FAMILY . . .

## Dollar Polio Inoculation Clinics Stated Next Week

Dollar polio inoculations will be administered in three locations in the Torrance area during the coming week, it was reported this week by officials of the March of Dimes.

On Friday the shots will be given at Von's Market, 5035 W. Pacific Coast Highway through the cooperation of the Community Volunteers. Shots will be administered between 12:30 and 2:30 p.m.

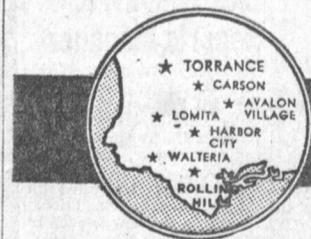
On Tuesday, August 1, a polio clinic will be held at the M.D. Medical group, 4193 W. Redondo Beach Blvd. in Lawndale. Cost of the inoculations is \$1, or a maximum

of \$5 for the entire family. Program will be conducted between 2 and 8 p.m.

Polio vaccine shots will also be given on August 2, from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Bain Medical Clinic, 2093 Torrance Blvd.



MORE DIAPERS to fold, complains Mrs. Frank Sommers, not too bitterly as she welcomes her fourth adopted child, Marsha Rose, six months, to the family. The family resides at 4601 Carson St., Torrance.



THE PRESS IS THE HOME-OWNED NEWSPAPER OF TORRANCE

# TORRANCE PRESS

3238 SEPULVEDA BLVD., TORRANCE, CALIFORNIA

VOLUME XIII, NUMBER 28

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 1961

INSIDE THE PRESS

|               |      |
|---------------|------|
| Classified    | 4-8D |
| Church        | .6B  |
| Darlene Cope  | .1D  |
| Editorials    | .6A  |
| Entertainment | .6C  |
| Sports        | 1-3D |
| Theater Guide | .6C  |
| Women         | 1-3C |

10c A COPY

# Council Votes to Oust Planning Commissioner

## 5-2 Ballot Ends Term Of Prexy Bert Lynn

In a surprise motion by Councilman Willys Blount last night Torrance's City Council voted 5-2 to remove Bert Lynn, president of the planning commission, from his city post.

Of the seven-man council, Mayor Albert Isen and Councilman George Vico opposed the motion. Voting in favor of removal were Councilmen Nickolas O. Drale, Victor Benstead, J. A. Beasley, George Bradford and Blount.

A majority of the council felt there was a definite conflict of interest in Lynn's position on the planning commission and as a member of the city's unified school district board.

As a member of the commission he is in a position

of voting on zoning matters important to the school district, councilmen felt.

Commenting on the removal, Councilman George Bradford stated, "Many times the council has been politely invited to keep its nose out of school business. I think this is a reverse of

the same thing with the possibility of the schools becoming involved in zoning cases with the people of this city picking up the tab."

Councilman Beasley said, "With the rezoning of the old Waveria School property soon to come before the commission, I certainly feel that Lynn should step down. He's done a wonderful job on the planning commission but I don't see how he can represent both sides on the same issue."

### TOUCH OF GENIUS

Pointing out that two nearby cities have a mayor and a councilman serving on their school boards, Isen, who opposed the removal, stated that Lynn had brought a "touch of genius" to the commission and would be an excellent liaison man between the two governmental bodies.

Vico felt that the issue should have remained as it was until the commission president's term expired in early January. Noting that Lynn was a successful businessman in the community and that his character was above reproach, he concluded,

"I think it's just jealousy among members of this council."



BERT LYNN  
... Ousted

## Car Crashes Into Water Pipeline; Floods Area

Thousands of gallons of water poured down streets and into fields yesterday morning after a car crashed into a pipeline of the Dominguez Water Company near Amie Ave. and Emerald St.

Mrs. Elsie Partridge, 36, of 3544 Garnet St. lost control of her vehicle and crashed into the pipe. She was uninjured.

Water from the broken pipe flooded the entire area in a matter of minutes. Crews from the water company finally shut off the flow of water while the line was repaired.

Force of the crash knocked one 200 pound segment of the pipe more than 100 feet away.



DANGEROUS DUTY—Firemen and rescue unit personnel Sunday afternoon answered an emergency call to Horkey-Moore Associates plant, 2430 Amsler, where concentrated, and very dangerous, ammonia fumes were escaping from a broken vent. Shown donning

a gas mask before going into the building to turn off valves controlling the deadly stuff, is John Ferraiolo of the rescue unit. Lending a helping hand is Fireman Dick De Armitt. Ammonia is used in the plant's experimental missile program.

### LITTLE U.N. . . .

## Many Races Welcomed Into Torrance Family

By CAROLYN PERKIO

Standing in what looks like a production line, Elizabeth, 8, with diaper in hand, Barry, 3, holding a can of baby powder, and Frankie Jean, 4, ready to use baby oil, gather around the crib of their newly-adopted sister Marsha Rose, 6 months, each diaper-changing time.

The four, each of which was welcomed to the family following adoption proceedings, are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommers, 4601 Carson St., Torrance.

The Sommers found their first child several years ago when they were boarding children for an adoption agency in Michigan. Elizabeth, supposedly a Mongoloid child, was given to the Sommers with only six months to live. She is of German, English and Indian descent.

### NURSE

Being a former nurse in the British Navy, Mrs. Sommers was able to bring her daughter back to health. Then blindness struck the child. Surgery was performed and was successful.

Elizabeth is now in third grade at Anza School and shows a particular interest in music.

Barry Paul, of Mexican background, was found when the family of three saw an advertisement on television for homes for children of minority groups. Barry, then four months, was found at an adoption agency by Elizabeth and introduced to Mr. and Mrs. Sommers as their new son.

### ANOTHER

Then came Frankie Jean, Portuguese-Philippine, who was adopted in Hawaii a year ago. She was living with an older couple when the Sommers found her and invited her into their family.

Marsha, the latest addition, was adopted after the adoption agency called and asked the Sommers if they would like to take another child. "I would love to have more, but I thought the limit was two—we have three," Mrs. Sommers sadly admitted.

### NO LIMIT

The agency said there was no limit on children from minority groups; so the family went down to pick up the newcomer without even seeing her because "We couldn't turn down any child."

Although Sommers, who is a research assistant at Aero Space, insists there will be no more, Mrs. Sommers confided the children want a brother in six months or so . . . who knows?

### HEARING CONTINUED

The city's civil service hearing for Douglas Horlander, former assistant public works director, has been continued until September 8, it was reported Monday by his attorney. Horlander was relieved from duty when his job was abolished.

### End Plans for Western Ave. Shop

Proposed commercial zoning at the southeast corner of Western Ave. and 223rd St. has been turned down by the Los Angeles City Planning Commission. This action was taken on the recommendation of Director of Planning John E. Roberts and Hearing Ex-



THREE PROUD CHILDREN show off their new sister Marsha Rose, six months, who came to the family through an adoption agency. The four, each of which was adopted, are the

children of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sommers, 4601 Carson St., Torrance. The children are (back, left to right) Frankie Jean, four; Elizabeth, eight; and Barry Paul, three.